

I claim:

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A multi-person velocipede, comprising:

first and second frame members having forward and rearward end portions and long

axes extending between said forward and rearward end portions;

a first seat coupled to said first frame, and a second seat coupled to said second frame;

a first forward wheel rotatably coupled to said forward end portion of said first frame,

and a second forward wheel rotatably coupled to said forward end portion of said second frame;

said first and second forward wheels being selectively rotatable about axes that extend

generally perpendicular to the long axes of said first and second frames;

a first set of pedals operatively coupled to said first forward wheel, and a second set of

pedals operatively coupled to said second forward wheel;

said first and second frames maintaining the axes of rotation of said first and second

forward wheels in a generally perpendicular orientation with respect to the long

axes of said first and second frames while the velocipede is operated;

a first rearward wheel rotatably coupled to said rearward end portion of said first frame,

and a second rearward wheel rotatably coupled to said rearward end portion of said second frame;

a first seat operatively coupled to said first frame intermediate said forward and

rearward end portions, and a second seat operatively coupled to said second

frame intermediate said forward and rearward end portions; and



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1       The velocipede of claim 1 further comprising braking means operatively coupled  
to said first and second forward wheels for impeding forward movement of the  
velocipede.

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5       A method of operating the velocipede of claim 1 with first and second operators,  
comprising:

seating the first and second operators on said first and second seats;

10      the first and second operators engaging said first and second sets of pedals in a  
generally forward pedaling manner to move the velocipede in a generally forward  
direction; and

15      said first operator then pedaling said first set of pedals at a rate faster than a rate at  
which the second operator pedals said second set of pedals so that the  
velocipede moves in a generally right-arcing direction.

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20      A method of operating the velocipede of claim 1 with first and second operators,  
comprising:

seating the first and second operators on said first and second seats;

25      the first and second operators engaging said first and second sets of pedals in a  
generally forward pedaling manner to move the velocipede in a generally forward  
direction; and

1 said second operator then pedaling said second set of pedals at a rate faster than a  
rate at which the first operator pedals said first set of pedals so that the  
velocipede moves in a generally left-arcing direction.

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5 A method of operating the velocipede of claim 7 with first and second operators,  
comprising:

seating the first and second operators on said first and second seats;

10 the first and second operators engaging said first and second sets of pedals in a  
generally forward pedaling manner to move the velocipede in a generally forward  
direction; and

15 said first operator then actuating said braking means operatively coupled to said first  
forward wheel while said second operator continues the forward pedaling of said  
second set of pedals so that the velocipede moves in a generally left-arcing  
direction.

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A method of operating the velocipede of claim 7 with first and second operators,  
comprising:

20 seating the first and second operators on said first and second seats;

25 the first and second operators engaging said first and second sets of pedals in a  
generally forward pedaling manner to move the velocipede in a generally forward  
direction; and

1 said second operator then actuating said braking means operatively coupled to said  
2 second forward wheel while said first operator continues the forward pedaling of  
3 first second set of pedals so that the velocipede moves in a generally right-arcing  
4 direction.

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A method of operating the velocipede of claim 7 with first and second operators,  
comprising:

seating the first and second operators on said first and second seats;

10 the first and second operators engaging said first and second sets of pedals in a  
generally forward pedaling manner to move the velocipede in a generally forward  
direction; and

said first and second operators then actuating said braking means to slow the forward  
movement of the velocipede.

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The velocipede of claim 3 wherein said first and second rearward wheels are  
coupled to said first and second frames such that said first and second rearward wheels  
may freely swivel about generally vertical axes.

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The velocipede of claim 4 wherein said first and second sets of pedals are  
coupled to said first and second forward wheels in fixed positions with respect to said  
first and second forward wheels.

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The velocipede of claim 4 wherein said first and second rearward wheels are smaller in diameter than said first and second forward wheels.

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The velocipede of claim 4 further comprising braking means operatively coupled to said first and second forward wheels for impeding forward movement of the velocipede.

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The velocipede of claim 16 further comprising a single elongated handle bar coupled to the forward end portions of said first and second frames.

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